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COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION OF THEMATIC ISSUES RELATING TO THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Progress report on the implementation of Sub-Commission decision 1996/120

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its decision 1996/120 of 29 August 1996 the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities decided to entrust two of its members, Mr. José Bengoa and Mr. Mustafa Mehedi, with the preparation, without financial implications, of a joint working paper on article 7 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, together with two members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Mr. Ivan Garvalov and Mrs. Shanti Sadiq Ali, to be submitted to the two bodies at their respective sessions in August 1997.

2. As indicated in a note by the Secretariat (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/6), and following the course of action proposed on 30 May 1997 by the Chairman of the forty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission, the four experts met on 14 and 21 August 1997 to discuss their respective contributions to, and other modalities of, the joint working paper.

3. The experts agreed on an outline of the future working paper and a division of work between them.

4. It was further agreed that the four experts would request additional information from Governments, asking them to describe the latest measures taken to implement article 7.

5. The information available from reports of States parties to the Committee and the additional information requested by the experts from Governments will be communicated by the Secretariat to the experts for analysis which is to be made on a regional basis.

6. The contributions from the four experts will then be put together to form a draft working paper. The paper, as approved by the experts, will be submitted to the fiftieth session of the Sub-Commission and the fifty-third session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in August 1998.